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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM

1. SINCE IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW IN PHILIPPINES, DEPARTMENT HAS PROCESSED 63 APPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM. THIS COMPARES WITH 10 SUCH APPLICATIONS BETWEEN MAY 1971 AND SEPTEMBER 23, 1972. THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARTIAL LAW, CLAIMS OF PHIL POLITICAL INSTABILITY, FORMER MEMBERSHIP IN LIBERAL PARTY, FEAR OF COMMUNISTS, AND PRIOR OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT MARCOS ARE REASONS BEING FORWARDED BY APPLICANTS SEEKING ASYLUM.

2. ASYLUM HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED TO ANY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL WHOSE APPLICATION HAS BEEN PROCESSED SINCE MARTIAL LAW; NOR IN FACT WAS ASYLUM GRANTED TO ANY OF THE 10 WHO WERE PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT BETWEEN MAY OF 1971 AND SEPTEMBER 1972. CASES RECEIVED HERE STILL APPEAR TO BE LAST DITCH EFFORT TO AVOID DEPORTATION BY INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FILES CONTAIN SUMMARIES OF EXHAUSTIVE ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE STATUS IN THE U. S. PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN PHILIPPINES. SOME HAVE SUCCESS-
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FULLY ATTEMPTED AVOID DEPORTATION FOR 4 TO 5 YEARS.

3. ABOVE IS PROVIDED TO ENSURE THAT EMBASSY IS AWARE: (A)
OF INCREASED LEVEL OF FILIPINO APPLICATIONS FOR ASYLUM AND
(B) OF APPROACH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN TAKING ON THESE APPLI-
CATIONS, WHICH APPEAR TO BE SIMPLY A NEW ASPECT OF
NORMAL VISA PROBLEMS.

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